treatment plants or have stopped the water polluting activities. On scrutiny of their representations, the Govt. of NCT of Delhi de-sealed 372 units for the purpose of verification of their claims and submission of monitoring report within a stipulated time. On this matter, no negotiations were held with the defaulting industrial units for the purpose of land and financial support. The matter is subjudice before the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

Corruption charges against officials in DGHS

*239. SHRI FRIDA TOPNO:
SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several officials of the Medical Stores Organization of DGHS were charged for corruption during 1999;

(b) if so, whether only two individuals of this organization were suspended while several others were also charged but were not suspended; if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the reasons for discriminatory attitude against these officials; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take to immediately reinstate the individuals, in the public interest, as they are being paid from the public exchequer, without any work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N. T. SHANMUGAM): (a) to (c) During 1999, five officials of the Medical Stores organisation (MSO) (i.e. two Group 'A' and three Group 'B'), were charge-sheeted along with two doctors of the CHS Cadre and one official of Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi, in a case pertaining to procurement of medicines for Tihar Jail Hospital in 1994. The ministry suspended the four Group "A' officials, including the two officers of the MSO, for whom the competent authority was the Minister, the decision to suspend the Group 'B' officials in the MSO, as left to the DGHS, who is the competent authority in their cases.

(b) The matter is under consideration.